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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : MARR, SEATO

SUBJECT : GVN REQUEST THAT SEATO CONSIDER PARACELS ISSUE

REFS: A. STATE 40348

B. BANGKOK 3250

C. STATE 36413

1. AUSTRALIAN PWG MEMBER INFORMED COLLEAGUES AT MAR 5
PWG MEETING THAT GOA COULD NOT APPROVE FIRST SENTENCE OF
PARAGRAPH 2 OF SECGEN'S REPLY TO GVN REQUEST THAT
SEATO CONSIDER PARACEL ISLANDS MATTER (SEE REFTEL C). INSTEAD, HE
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PROPOSED THAT FOLLOWING BE SUBSTITUTED: "I HAVE CONSULTED MEMBER

GOVERNMENTS AND, ALTHOUGH CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED OVER THE SITUATION, IT IS THE CONSENSUS THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE, IN THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR SEATO TO CONSIDER THIS MATTER."

2. AUSTRALIAN PWG MEMBER SAID THAT RATIONALE FOR CHANGE WAS THAT GOA "DID NOT WISH GIVE IMPRESSION THAT, IT IT WERE NOT FOR ISSUE OF DISPUTED SOVEREIGNTY, SEATO WOULD HAVE AUTOMATICALLY BECOME INVOLVED IN MATTER."

3. RE SECOND SENTENCE, PARAGRAPH 2, PHILIPPINES POINTED OUT THAT, WHILE TRUE THAT ALL MEMBERS DID NOT RAISE THIS POINT, ONCE RAISED IT WAS ACTUALLY "NOTED" BY ALL MEMBERS. WE MUST ADMIT THAT WE AGREE WITH THEIR LOGIC RE THIS POINT. RECOMMEND THAT EITHER WORD "SOME" BE DELETED OR, IF RETAINED, THAT WORD "NOTED" BE REPLACED BY "POINTED OUT."

4. STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT DEPT APPROVE THESE CHANGES IN DRAFT REPLY SINCE IT APPEARS THAT ALL OTHER MEMBERS CAN ACCEPT THEM. REGARDLESS OF RATIONALE BEHIND AUSTRALIA'S PROPOSED CHANGE, WE MUST BEAR IN MIND THAT ITS POSITION HAS COME A LONG WAY FROM ORIGINAL STANCE TAKEN AT FEB 26 COUNCIL REPS MEETING THAT SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF REPLY BE LIMITED TO MERELY INFORMING GVN THAT "IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR SEATO TO CONSIDER THIS MATTER" (REFTEL B).

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPT INFORM US ASAP RE THESE CHANGES IN ORDER THAT SECGEN'S RESPONSE CAN BE MADE WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.
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